

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A packaging for oral hygiene devices comprising:

an elongated housing sealed on both ends with an opening means between the two ends;

a predetermined length of ~~generally non-stretchable~~ dental floss disposed within said sealed elongated housing and affixed to the two ends of the elongated housing; and

an elongated member with one or more pointed ends disposed within said sealed elongated housing;

wherein the packaging for oral hygiene devices effectively and efficiently protects the dental floss and the elongated member from contamination and also protects the person carrying the oral hygiene devices from being injured by the oral hygiene devices and may be opened to access the oral hygiene devices through the opening means.

Claim 2 (original): A packaging for oral hygiene devices as in claim 1, wherein said elongated housing encloses a liquid.

Claim 3 (original): A packaging for oral hygiene devices as in claim 1, wherein said elongated housing encloses a cream.

Claim 4 (original): A packaging for oral hygiene devices as in claim 1, wherein said opening means is a weakened section on the elongated housing.

Claim 5 (original): A packaging for oral hygiene devices as in claim 1, wherein said elongated member has a first pointed end and a second end affixed to one end of the elongated housing with the first pointed end extending past the opening means.

Claim 6 (original): A packaging for oral hygiene devices as in claim 5, wherein said elongated housing encloses a liquid.

Claim 7 (original): A packaging for oral hygiene devices as in claim 5, wherein said elongated housing encloses a cream.

Claim 8 (original): A packaging for oral hygiene devices as in claim 5, wherein said opening means is a weakened section on the elongated housing.

Claim 9 (currently amended): A packaging for oral hygiene devices comprising:

an elongated hollow tubular housing with two non-pointed ends and sealed on both ends with an opening means between the two ends; and

a predetermined length of ~~generally non-stretchable~~ dental floss disposed within said sealed elongated housing and affixed to the two ends of the elongated housing;

wherein the packaging for oral hygiene devices effectively and efficiently protects the dental floss from contamination and may be opened to access the oral hygiene devices through the opening means.

Claim 10 (original): A packaging for oral hygiene devices as in claim 9, wherein said elongated housing encloses a liquid.

Claim 11 (original): A packaging for oral hygiene devices as in claim 9, wherein said elongated housing encloses a cream.

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Claim 12 (original): A packaging for oral hygiene devices as in claim 9, wherein said opening means is a weakened section on the elongated housing.

Claim 13 (previously presented): A packaging for oral hygiene devices comprising:

an elongated housing sealed on both ends with an opening means between the two ends; and

an elongated member with one or more pointed ends disposed within said sealed elongated housing;

wherein the packaging for oral hygiene devices effectively and efficiently protects the elongated member from contamination and also protects the person carrying the oral hygiene devices from being injured by the oral hygiene devices and may be opened to access the oral hygiene devices through the opening means.

Claim 14 (original): A packaging for oral hygiene devices as in claim 13, wherein said elongated housing encloses a liquid.

Claim 15 (original): A packaging for oral hygiene devices as in claim 13, wherein said elongated housing encloses a cream.

Claim 16 (original): A packaging for oral hygiene devices as in claim 13, wherein said opening means is a weakened section on the elongated housing.

Claim 17 (original): A packaging for oral hygiene devices as in claim 13, wherein said elongated member has a first pointed end and a second end affixed to one end of the elongated housing with the first pointed end extending past the opening means.

Claim 18 (original): A packaging for oral hygiene devices as in claim 17, wherein said elongated housing encloses a liquid.

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Claim 19 (original): A packaging for oral hygiene devices as in claim 17, wherein said elongated housing encloses a cream.

Claim 20 (original): A packaging for oral hygiene devices as in claim 17, wherein said opening means is a weakened section on the elongated housing.